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## **ANDERSON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO METH, POSSESSING A MACHINE GUN**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Anderson, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to manufacturing methamphetamine and being in possession of a machine gun.

**Donald W. Barkfelt**, 43, of Anderson, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to charges contained in a Jan. 20, 2005, federal indictment.

**Barkfelt** was engaged in manufacturing methamphetamine when law enforcement officers approached his residence on March 30, 2004. **Barkfelt** admitted that he is responsible for manufacturing at least 500 grams of methamphetamine. During a search of **Barkfelt's** residence, Graves said, officers found numerous items associated with manufacturing methamphetamine, including 25 boxes of pseudoephedrine tablets, two containers of iodine, 21 containers of hydrogen peroxide, six containers of acetone, seven containers of camping fuel, 12 containers of HEET fuel additive, numerous matchbook covers with missing strike plates, plastic and glass funnels, numerous coffee filters with methamphetamine residue, digital scales, glass pans with methamphetamine residue, numerous baggies, and numerous jars and bottles containing liquids with methamphetamine and methamphetamine residue. Officers also found a book entitled "Secrets of Methamphetamine Manufacturing" and "Best Kept Secrets," also a book on the manufacture of methamphetamine, two chemistry books, and numerous other articles and paperwork pertaining to the manufacture of methamphetamine.

During their search of **Barkfelt's** residence, Graves added, officers also found a 9 mm Luger submachine gun, as well as three rifles, a shotgun, a revolver, a blasting cap and ammunition. Under federal law, Graves said, it is illegal to possess a fully automatic machine gun.

Under federal statutes, **Barkfelt** could be subject to a sentence of up to 30 years in federal

prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2,250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. It was investigated by the Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force, the McDonald County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

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